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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: First Meeting of PMRG Task Force for Vietnam, 1971

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1. By order of Chief, FI/D, the undersigned attended meeting of the Program Manager's Review Group (PMRG) which met between 1000-1230 hours on this date at NSA. ment for the various organizations and elements which sup were to attend.

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military requirements exist within the Agency for FY 73-77.

4. The one hard fact that came out during this session is that there is to be a reduction of U.S. forces in South Vietnam until a MAAG-type force exists of somewhere between 25-49,000. The [redacted] Evidently, there is a packard memorandum to the JCS and other departments proposing these tentative levels and the responses are due in DOD by 3 March. As stated by the chairman, "the name of the game is reduction" and our planning should be so based.

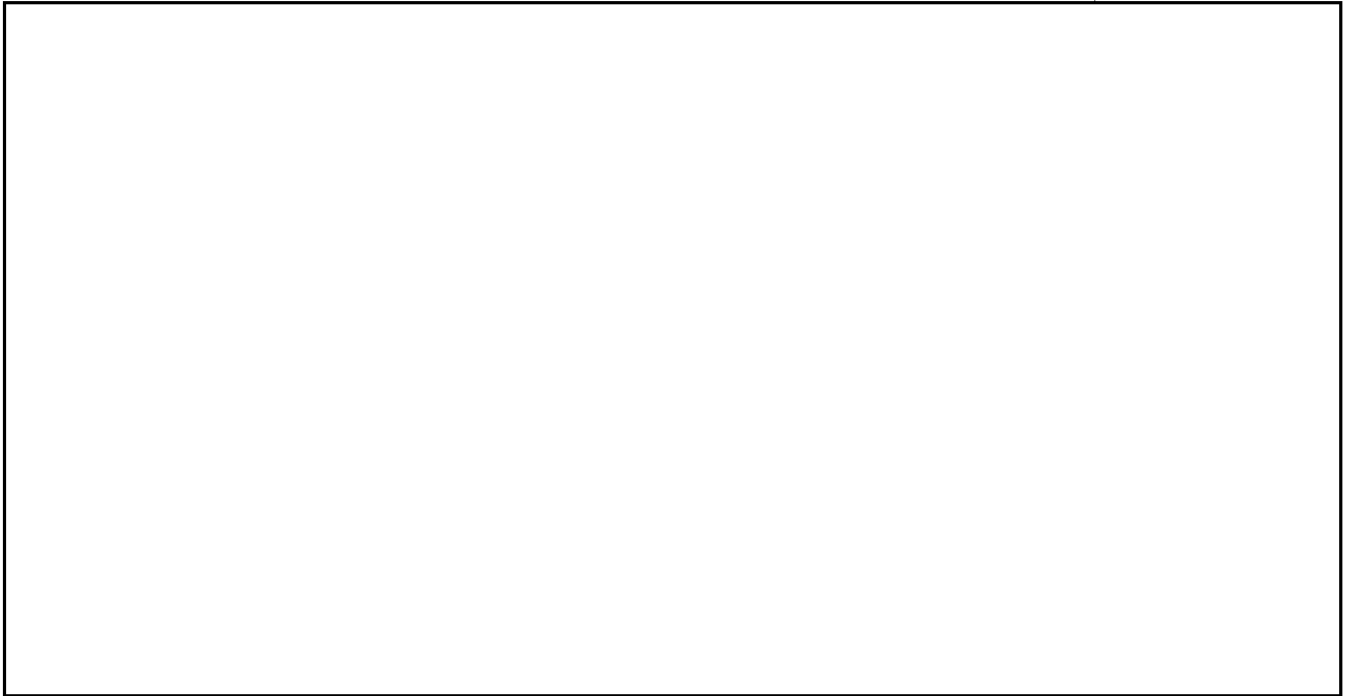
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6. The requirements people at the meeting took over again and we returned to the requirements vs. manpower argument. The chairman attempted to get some order into the meeting and asked that we do our planning based on two factors: There is a need for requirements during this period or, at the minimum, a statement the main customers on which to base judgements or needs for

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resources; a reduction will take place in Vietnam. Thus, we know the trend is to decrease resources and we returned to the problem [redacted] Impasse.

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8. The chairman asked the committee to consider trying both approaches: try to obtain requirements and examine the resources needed to fulfill these requirements e.g., [redacted]

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[redacted] We again ended up with the statement that planning should be based on the fact that the U.S. will be in Vietnam through FY 77 with a 25,000 force level and there was a need to obtain requirements for this contingency. Following further discussion of this dilemma, there was a recommendation by the chairman that the requirements people try to get from their customers an idea of requirements for this period or at least a statement of intelligence guidance. If unsuccessful, obtain some comments stating why it could not be furnished. A message would be prepared for [redacted] signature and would probably be addressed to USIB or the SIGINT Committee. The chairman stated he would see [redacted] as soon as possible to determine if our approach is in consonance with the thoughts/ideas of the PMRG. Also, the Chairman said he did not feel this committee should concern itself with costs or personnel numbers, but should

express our conclusions in generalities, such as examining the feasibility of certain reductions based on what we know for certain or what has been clearly implied.

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25X1 hours and CIA assistance was solicited to come up with an estimate
25X1 on the progress [redacted] The undersigned agreed
in principal and said it should be done in coordination with NSA and
ASA [redacted] It is planned at the next
meeting to exclude the requirements people and examine the cer-
tainities known pertaining to the FY 73-77 period [redacted]
[redacted]

25X1 10. Comment: As seen from the above mishmash, it is
difficult to determine exactly what this Task Force is supposed to
do, as well as why it was created. I feel most of the people on the
group are honest and realistic, which resulted in some wry and
critical comments on the PMRG. Many still question the need for
the Task Force based simply on the proposition that we have not been
given a clear and understandable charter. I plan to attend the next
session [redacted] and have informed the Chair-
man that my attendance will be based solely on the criteria of what
is to be discussed. For example, if requirements or other esoteric
subjects are on the agenda, I will excuse myself. [redacted]
25X1 of [redacted] staff is on the Task Force, although he arrived
too late to hear the discussion on requirements.

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Remarks: 5 to 1
 Here are 2 MRs by an F/D rep who "participated" in crises management at NSA - Planning for SIGINT resources in S. Vietnam. Are you people plugged into this? (The 3rd meeting was cancelled).

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